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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER PROMISES BOOK ON ANGOLAN DETAILS

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 779, (B) JOHANNESBURG 1015,

1. DEFENSE MINISTER P.W. BOTHA REACTED YESTERDAY, APRIL 19,
TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY DENIALS OF HIS ACCOUNT OF US
AIRCRAFT LANDING SUPPLIES IN ANGOLA DURING THE 1975/76 WAR.
(SEE REF B).

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2. BOTHA TOLD THE PRO-SAG CITIZEN (APRIL 20) THAT THE
SADF WAS GOING TO REVEAL THE DETAILS OF US PARTICIPATION
IN THE ANGOLAN WAR IN AN "OFFICIAL WAR DOCUMENT" NOW
BEING PREPARED. THE DOCUMENT, BOTHA REPORTEDLY SAID,
WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN BOOK FORM "AS SOON AS IT IS READY."

3. MEANWHILE, OPPOSITION AND JOURNALIST SOURCES

HAVE SPECULATED PRIVATELY TO US THAT THE DEFENSE
MINISTER'S EXPOSITION ON ANGOLAN HISTORY IS RELATED
TO THE ONGOING SUCCESSION STRUGGLE WITHIN THE SAG
LEADERSHIP. COLIN EGLIN NOTED THAT P.W. BOTHA'S
PERFORMANCE "CUTS RIGHT ACROSS WHAT PIK BOTHA IS
TRYING TO DO ON THE NAMIBIA ISSUE."
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